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OF THE

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SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

WITH LIST OF OFFICERS AND PREFACE

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OFFICERS

For Two Years Ending May 10, 1891.

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For Two Years Ending May 10, 1891.

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Frank Farnsworth Starr, Middletown.

But little more than a century has elapsed since the boom of cannon echoing over the Massachusetts hills and through the Connecticut valleys awoke the people of the American Colonies to the fact that they must submit to the dictation of England or fight for freedom.

They chose the latter, and the Declaration of Independence told their decision to the world.

Battles without number; sufferings almost beyond endurance; deeds of heroism rivaling the deeds of Greek or Spartan, brought victory, and sealed the independence of the United States.

Then followed an era of prosperity and progress; a struggle for wealth by the individual, and for position by the nation.

Foreign countries poured their tide of emigration upon our shores; the mind of the people was absorbed by new issues and new questions, until the events of 1776 were to the people as a dim cloud upon the evening sky; the heroic deeds of Revolutionary patriots had become as the shadow of a memory, and the days dedicated to the celebration of historic events were unobserved and the events they commemorated almost forgotten.

The booming of cannon and the voice of orators on centennial morning, 1876, recalled the attention of the people to their country's history and to their heritage of glorious memories.

That great festival celebrated our progress and position as a nation, but it left no mentor to keep alive the patriotic spirit it had awakened. This work was left to a few men in the comparatively new State of California, who saw the need of something which would stir and enkindle the love of country by constantly reminding the people of those by whose bravery and blood the country was purchased. And so in that centennial year and on that centennial day, in California, was organized a society which was called "The Society of Sons of Revolutionary Sires," and whose object was "To keep alive among ourselves and our descendants in the community the patriotic spirit of the men who achieved American Independence."

That society was a grand conception, prompted by motives of the purest patriotism, and like good seed in good soil soon germinated in other States. Massachusetts and New York, South Carolina and Kentucky, and other States, seized the inspiration and organized sister societies.

Connecticut, rich in names of patriotic sons, and rich in historic places, organized its society on the second day of April, 1889. Fully one hundred persons met in the capitol, in Hartford — among whom were six sons whose fathers had fought in Revolutionary battles — and took part in the organ-

ization. The objects of the society are in harmony with all other societies of the kind in the country. Its objects are:

First, to unite in one society every resident of Connecticut who can trace his descent from some person who assisted in establishing American Independence.

Second, to preserve the traditions of Connecticut's Revolutionary heroes; the diaries, letters, and mementoes which are now hidden in attics and trunks, and to gather and preserve the relics and records of that period now in the possession of private persons.

Third, to stimulate the pride of birth, as being Americans, and descended from such noble ancestry.

Fourth, the society is especially designed to stimulate a love for our one and common country, its brave people and grand institutions.

This is a work worthy of the earnest support and active sympathy of every true American, and the Connecticut Society of Sons of the American Revolution confidently asks and expects the hearty co-operation and enthusiastic help of Connecticut's sons and daughters of Revolutionary ancestors.

Constitution.

Article I.—The name of this society shall be the Connecticut Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Article II.—The object and purpose of this society is to keep alive among ourselves and our descendants the patriotic spirit of the men who, in military, naval, or civil service, by their acts or counsel achieved American independence; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records, and other documents relating to the war of the Revolution, and to promote social intercourse and good feeling among its members now and hereafter.

Article III.—Any male person shall be eligible for membership in this society who is a resident of Connecticut, or who is descended from a Connecticut revolutionary ancestor wherever resident, who is of the age of twenty-one years, and whose ancestor was either a military or naval officer, soldier, or sailor, or an official in the service of any one of the thirteen original colonies or States, or of the government representing or com-

posed of those colonies or States who assisted in establishing American independence during the war of the Revolution.

ARTICLE IV.— The officers of this society shall be a president, vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, a registrar, and a historian.

ARTICLE V.— A meeting for the election of officers and transaction of business shall be held biennially, in the city of Hartford, on the 10th day of May, and a meeting for social purposes shall be held annually at such time and place as the board of managers may determine.

At each biennial meeting there shall be elected, in addition to the officers provided for in Article IV, one delegate at large, and one delegate for each one hundred or fraction of one hundred exceeding fifty members, who, together with such officers as are provided for by the constitution of the National Society, shall represent this society in the National Society.

ARTICLE VI.— There shall be a board of managers whose duty it shall be to conduct the affairs of this society, which board shall consist of the officers of this society, the delegates to the National Society, and fifteen others, who shall be elected at the biennial meeting.

ARTICLE VII.— The president and vice-president shall not be eligible for a second re-election as their own successors.

ARTICLE VIII.— This constitution may be amended, altered, or repealed, provided written

resolutions to that effect are first presented to the board of managers and approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of said board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose ; and provided said amendments are approved by a majority of the members present at any regular or special meeting of the society.

By-Laws.

SECTION 1. All applications for membership in this society shall be upon blank forms furnished by the society, and each application shall be accompanied by the membership fee, which shall be returned if the applicant is not accepted.

SEC. 2. All applications for membership shall be submitted to the registrar for examination, and shall be reported by him to the board of managers, and when approved by said board shall be returned to the registrar for preservation, and upon payment of membership fee the applicant shall become a member of the society.

SEC. 3. The membership fee shall be one dollar, and yearly dues two dollars. The payment of fifty dollars by a member at any one time shall constitute the person paying such sum a life member, and he shall thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues. Annual dues shall be paid to the secretary on or before the 10th day of May in each year. The secretary shall notify members three months in arrears, and non-payment of dues in three months thereafter shall be

regarded as terminating the membership of such person.

SEC. 4. Ladies may be admitted as honorary members of this society, provided they can trace their descent from Revolutionary ancestors, as provided in Article IV of the Constitution (applications to be made in accordance with section 1 of the by-laws) and upon the payment of a membership fee of fifty cents and annual dues of fifty cents. Honorary members shall not be entitled to take part in the business meetings of the society.

SEC. 5. The members of this society shall meet in the city of Hartford on the 10th day of May, 1890, and on the 10th day of May, 1891, and biennially thereafter for the election of officers and the transaction of the business of the society. In case said day shall fall upon Sunday, the meeting shall be held on the following day. In the election of officers a majority of the ballots cast shall be necessary for a choice.

SEC. 6. The society shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of celebrating some event in Revolutionary history, the time and place for holding such annual meeting to be determined by the board of managers ; and said board shall also determine the manner of such celebration, which shall include an oration, a poem, and a dinner whenever practicable.

SEC. 7. The regular meeting of the board of managers shall be held upon the third Tuesday of April and October in each year, and special meet-

ings may be called by the president at any time, and shall be called upon the request of any three members of the board of managers. Three (3) members of the board of managers shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of said board. Five (5) members of the society shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of said society.

SEC. 8. The president, or, in his absence the vice-president, or, in their absence a chairman *pro tem.*, shall preside at all meetings of the society and of the board of managers, and shall have a casting vote. The presiding officer shall preserve order, and shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal to the meeting.

SEC. 9. The secretary shall receive all money from the members, and shall pay it over to the treasurer, taking his receipt for the same. He shall conduct the general correspondence of the society; shall notify members of their election and of such other matters as the society may direct. He shall have charge of the seal, and such records of the society as are not herein given especially in charge of the other officers of the society; together with the presiding officer he shall certify all acts and orders of the society. He shall, under direction of the president, or acting president, give notice of the time and place of all meetings of the society and of the board of managers, and shall attend the same. He shall keep accurate reports of the meetings of the society and of the board of managers, and shall give such notices of the votes,

orders, and proceedings of the society as the society or board of managers shall direct.

SEC. 10. The treasurer shall receive all the money from the secretary and give his receipt for the same; which money he shall deposit in the name of the society and shall pay out for the benefit of the society only, in such sums as the society or the board of managers may direct, and upon the order of the secretary, countersigned by the president. He shall keep a true account of his receipts and disbursements, and at each biennial meeting shall make a full report to the society. The books of the secretary and treasurer shall be open to the inspection of the president and the board of managers and to the auditing committee at all times.

SEC. 11. The members of the board of managers shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as is provided for the election of officers. They shall judge of the qualifications of applicants for membership and shall have control and management of the affairs of the society. They shall appoint an auditing committee. They may call special meetings at any time, and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of any five members of the society. They shall also have power to fill vacancies.

SEC. 12. The registrar shall receive all applications and proofs of membership from the secretary after they have been passed upon by the board of managers, and shall make a record of the same in a book of forms prepared for that purpose.

He shall also have the custody of all the historical, geographical, and genealogical papers, books, manuscripts, and relics of which the society may become possessed. He shall receive twenty-five cents for recording each accepted application, and shall make a report in writing at each annual meeting.

SEC. 13. These by-laws shall not be altered nor amended unless such alteration or amendment shall have been proposed in writing at a previous meeting of the board of managers and entered upon the records, with the name of the member proposing the change, and adopted by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the society, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

58 new members added to Jany 1, 1890

MEMBERS OF RECORD, Oct. 1, 1889.

Babcock, Cortland G.	Stonington,	Conn.
Bacon, Wm. T.	Hartford,	"
Bissell, Thomas H.	Hartford,	"
Bulkeley, Stephen	Wethersfield,	"
Bishop, Joseph	West Hartford,	"
Brown, Freeman M.	Hartford,	"
Barnes, Trescott C.	New Hartford,	"
Bates, Albert Carlos	East Granby,	"
Bigelow, George W.	New Haven,	"
Brayton, Charles Erskine	Stonington,	"
Bronson, Henry Trumbull	New York City.	
Bryant, Thomas Wallace	Torrington,	Conn.
Bigelow, Hobart B.	New Haven,	"
Camp, Frederic E.	Middletown,	"
Calef, Samuel B.	Middletown,	"
Clark, David	Hartford,	"
Cothren, William	Woodbury,	"
Chapman, Henry A.	Hartford,	"
Cornwall, Horace	Hartford,	"
Countryman, William A.	Hartford,	"
Conant, George A.	Willimantic,	"
Calef, Thomas	Bridgeport,	"
Chapin, Charles E.	Hartford,	"
Douglas, Benjamin	Middletown,	"
Deming, Lucius Parmen	New Haven,	"
Easterbrook, Nathan Jr.	New Haven,	"
Ellsworth, Pinckney W.	Hartford,	"
Elmore, Samuel E.	Hartford,	"

Eno, Richard B.	Simsbury,	Conn.
Foster, Frederic Rose Jr.	Hartford,	"
Felt, Levi L.	Hartford,	"
Fenn, Linus T.	West Hartford,	"
Fenn, John Roberts	West Hartford,	"
Farnham, Elias B.	Hartford,	"
Grannis, Andrew Jared	East Haven,	"
Grant, James M.	Hartford,	"
Griswold, Rufus W.	Rocky Hill,	"
Gay, Frank Butler	Hartford,	"
Gay, Erastus	Farmington,	"
Goodwin, Francis	Hartford,	"
Griswold, Roger M.	Portland,	"
Goodwin, James J.	Hartford,	"
Hart, Frederic J.	New Haven,	"
Hart, Charles E.	New Haven,	"
Hart, Franklin H.	New Haven,	"
Hotchkiss, Hobart L.	New Haven,	"
Hendee, Edward Dwight	New Haven,	"
Hubbard, George A.	New Haven,	"
Hovey, Horace C.	Bridgeport,	"
Hollister, John C.	New Haven,	"
Harrison, Henry B.	New Haven,	"
Hammond, Edward P.	Hartford,	"
Herrington, Alfred G.	Hartford,	"
Hubbard, Stephen A.	Hartford,	"
Huntington, John Taylor	Hartford,	"
Hawley, Elias S.	Buffalo, N. Y.	
Huntington, Harwood	Hartford,	"
Holmes, Joseph		
Jones, Henry R.	New Hartford,	"
Kellogg, John P.	Waterbury,	"
Kellogg, Stephen W.	Waterbury,	"
Kinney, John Coddington	Hartford,	"
Lacey, Rowland B.	Bridgeport,	"
Lewis, John B.	Hartford,	"
Love, William DeLoss, Jr.	Hartford,	"
Linsley, Solomon Fowler	North Haven,	"
Lee, William Wallace	Meriden,	"
Lewis, William J.	Hartford,	"

Lewis, Alonzo N.	Westport,	Conn.
Lockwood, David Benjamin	Bridgeport,	"
Lee, William Henry	New York City.	
Merwin, Samuel E.	New Haven,	"
Morris, Jonathan F.	Hartford,	"
McManus, Alonzo	New Britain,	"
Morris, John E.	Hartford,	"
Middlebrook, Louis N.	Bridgeport,	"
Morgan, Lewis L.	New Haven,	"
Morgan, William E.	New Haven,	"
Matson, William L.	Hartford,	"
Morgan, Henry C.	Colchester,	"
Newcomb, George F.	New Haven,	"
Nelson, Robert W.	Hartford,	"
Noyes, Franklin Babcock	Stonington,	"
Orcutt, Samuel	Bridgeport,	"
Phelps, Roswell H.	East Granby,	"
Phelps, Jeffrey O.	Simsbury,	"
Phelps, Jeffrey O. Jr.	Hartford,	"
Palmer, Ira Hart	Stonington,	"
Pierpont, William H.	New Haven,	"
Phelps, Alfred W.	New Haven,	"
Quintard, Henry H.	Hartford,	"
Rembert, John R.	Hartford,	"
Robbins, Philemon W.	Hartford,	"
Strong, Horace H.	New Haven,	"
Swartwout, John H.	Stamford,	"
Spencer, George F.	Deep River,	"
Swift, Tallmadge	Warren,	"
Starr, Frank Farnsworth	Middletown,	"
Spencer, Frederic A.	Waterbury,	"
Seymour, Frederic A.	West Hartford,	"
Shew, Jacob W.	Hartford,	"
Shepherd, Carroll Sylvanus	West Haven,	"
Stedman, John W.	Hartford,	"
Slate, Dwight	Hartford,	"
Trumbull, Jonathan	Norwich,	"
Thorpe, Sheldon B.	North Haven,	"
Tyler, Sylvanus	Essex,	"

Whaples, Meigs Heywood . . .	Hartford,	Conn.
Wadsworth, Edward	Hartford,	"
Weaver, Thomas Snell . . .	Hartford,	"
Whiting, Charles B.	Hartford,	"
Williamson, Randolph W. . .	Hartford,	"
Wilcoxson, Albert	Stratford,	"

HONORARY.

Bigelow, Mrs. Marie Linsley . .	New Haven,	Conn.
Hammond, Mrs. Eliza	Hartford,	"
Pitkin, Mrs. Sarah Howard Loomis,	Hartford,	"

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